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#### THE FLOODS.

The flood continues. At this time the territory that is suffering most is along the lower Ohio river and along the Mississippi below Cairo.

Half of Mississippi county is overflowed. A rescue party from Cairo found 22 persons huddled on a saw-dust mound at Bird's mill, near Birds Point. One woman had typhoid fever.

The many breaks in the levees below relieved Cairo, and water has been about stationary for several days. The rains of this week have caused alarm and a slight rise was reported Tuesday. The breaking of the levees below is all that saved Cairo.

Cairo, Ill., April 8.—That 3,000 families are in a destitute condition in the Wabash valley, and that small-pox is breaking out in refugee camps and adding to the terror of the flood, is the report brought back to Cairo today by Gen. Dickson, who returned from a 48-hour trip up the Ohio river as far as Shawneetown.

Caruthersville, Mo., April 6.—Farmers of this territory are responsible for the cutting of the Frisco track here Friday night. It was at first reported that the railroad officials had ordered the action, which relieved a tremendous strain on the levee. The identity of the parties is unknown. All mail to this city is now arriving 24 hours late. Nine inches more rise will bury the highest flood record at Caruthersville.

Memphis, Tenn., April 7.—The river at Memphis tonight broke all records. It reached 45.2 feet by 7 o'clock. In spite of the fact that all previous records have been broken, the crest has not yet reached Memphis, and the river has two or three more days to rise. The crest is expected on Thursday.

#### COUNTY COURT DOINGS.

County court met in adjourned term here Monday and transacted the following business:

F. S. Bice complained of obstructions in ditch 4, and J. C. Sanders was appointed commissioner to remove same.

In matter of I. M. Ry. crossing on Oran and Morley road, highway engineer directed to view and report, and to co-operate with the commissioners of Oran special road district.

Glover Pollard relieved of road work on physicians certificate. Boardman & Frye allowed \$1,450.20 excavations drain ditch 6. Sheriff Ellis allowed \$134.39 fees and expenses in delivering election supplies.

Road petitioned by Joe Hahn et al. leading from Benton and Kelso road to New Hamburg, surveyor directed to put road in condition. Walb Bros. allowed \$2,070.00 excavations drain ditch 10.

In accordance with the result of the recent election, court ordered \$40,000 in bonds issued in denominations of \$100 each at five per cent—20 years.

Notice ordered published asking for sealed bids for finishing court house, bids to be received until noon, Thursday, April 17.

Court adjourned until April 17 and converted itself into a board of equalization.

#### NOTICE.

For the benefit of those who were unable to take the county examination in March, a second examination will be given April 16 and 17, 1913.

Those wishing to pass the county examination may appear before the teachers of any of the town schools in your respective townships doing high school work. As the certificate of graduation is issued in the name of the state, I will request those teachers giving the county examination not to pass anyone who is not able to do high school work. Remember the date.

County graduation exercises will be held in Benton, Mo., April 29, 1913. CHAS. HARRIS, County Superintendent.



#### HIGH HOOKER.

Is a beautiful bay, 16 1-2 hands high, weighs 1,300 pounds and was foaled in 1908, and is hereby certified to be registered as No. 48595 in the Stud Book of the American Trotting Association. High Hooker will stand during the season of 1913 at my place, 3 miles southeast of Kelso.

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#### HERE AND YONDER.

Fire destroyed the lumber shed at Sullenger's mill, near Benton station, about mid-night Monday. The shed contained between two and three thousand dollars worth of building materials, such as sash, doors, finishing lumber and so on. Mr. Sullenger carried \$2,000 insurance. How the fire originated is not known. The shed is just across the street from the Sullenger residence and he was awakened by the smoke. Nothing in the very great difficulty that the fire and was considerably charred and damaged.

The extra session of congress has opened up and I guess things will happen now. It's the same old Democratic dope—tariff reduction. Among the things scheduled for the free list are wine and bibles. That ought to satisfy all sides—reformers and booze vendors. England has free trade and the workers there are as poor as here. Coffee is now on the free list, yet the price is forced up just the same as on protected articles. But you couldn't get the bone-heads to drop the dear old tariff 'ishoo."

In East St. Louis Sunday night the mayor, sheriff and 60 deputies raided the saloons and arrested 400 men and women. In the rounds one man was shot dead and two wounded. The mayor says he wants to make his city "more like home and less like hell." When he gets thru with East St. Louis he can tackle the rest of the country. Our so-called "Christian civilization" works about the same everywhere.

R. D. Puckett and S. S. Babb of Sandywoods township, and J. W. Heeb of Chaffee and Jess Trent of near Sikeston, were Kicker callers Monday. Jess says he will move to Chaffee and go to firing on the railroad.

C. F. Spann of Chaffee was here several days this week working with the board of equalization in re-adjusting assessments on real estate in Chaffee.

George Scherer of Schererville was here Wednesday to advertise his horse. High Hooker, that will stand at his farm this season. Burkelow Williams and Manley Stagner of the Mt. Zion neighborhood were in Benton Wednesday. J. W. Halsted of Blodgett was here Saturday to get bills for his jack, Harry Dalton.

#### FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Monday of last week Arthur Vetter started digging an 18-ft. cistern for Martin Glastetter and finished in two days—making a fine job of it. In a day and a half the plastering was also done. Mr. Glastetter had Frank Regert hired as helper and Frank is known as a good hand around a cistern. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Glastetter fell off of the porch at his home and broke his leg. It is reported that the knee cap was fractured and that the wound was very serious.

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schmitt and was christened Wednesday. Joseph Schmitt and Miss Cecelia Ziegler stood sponsors.

Little Joe and Philomena Hoeller of Stumptown spent Tuesday night with their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Goetz.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leibie of Kelso visited their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Diebold, and family Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller of Oran and Miss Alvina Messner of Kelso attended church here Sunday.

Wm. Leibie and family of Kelso visited Mrs. Leibie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goetz, Sunday.

Otto Miller of near Chaffee and Miss Emma Enderlee were married here Tuesday by Fr. Moenig.

Lawrence Schoen of the swamp came up to spend Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Rosina Schoen.

Miss Julia Hahn is staying with the family of Wendoline Heisserer in Sylvania township.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Goetze of Oran visited his brother Louis one day last week.

Miss Katie Klipfel is staying with the family of Chas. Diebold near Bleda.

J. G. Scherer and grand-daughter, Hermina Glueck, went to Lambertville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwartz of the Cape were here visiting his uncle, X. Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Herring and son Walter, and Fr. Moenig went to the Cape Friday.

Joe Westrich and family spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. P. Goetze of Kelso.

Mrs. M. Schoen spent a few days of last week at the Cape, returning Friday.

Miss Dora Diebold and Grandma Goetz were here shopping Saturday.

Johnnie Dirnberger and Miss Nora Lux were at Kelso Sunday.

Dick Weiter and Miss Alma Messner of Kelso were here Sunday.

Theophil Scherer and son Barney were at the Cape Sunday.

John Schoen and George Klupfel were at Oran Sunday.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kern last week.

John Dirnberger started up his saw mill last week.

Louis Goetze and wife were at Oran Thursday.

Edw. Eichorn was in St. Louis last week.

#### FROM OWENSBY.

Mr. and Mrs. Zollie Glenn of Oran spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Chewing.

James Lane and Miss Katie Limbaugh spent Sunday with Mr. Dirrickson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams of Morley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

A. C. Calbert and Mr. Kraft were elected school directors for Owensby school.

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#### FROM ORAN.

Saturday the case of the State vs. Mrs. O. E. McGee and Chas. McPherson, teachers in the Chaffee public school, charged with assault on Myrtle Clay, a pupil, and brought here into Squire Finley's court, brought a large section of Chaffee's population to Oran.

Attorney G. R. Daugherty assisted Prosecutor McWilliams and Attorneys Walter and Morley appeared for the defense. The people of Chaffee had "taken sides" as in usual in such cases, and no little feeling existed.

A jury was empaneled and the affidavit charging that the punishment was unreasonable and cruel was read.

Myrtle Clay was put upon the stand and testified in substance as follows: "I am 15 years old. On March 17 I called the attention of Mrs. McGee to it that a pupil in my class was so holding his book that another pupil could see the answers to the questions asked. Mrs. McGee ordered me to hush, but I wanted to explain. She then ordered me to bring my books and come to her desk and kneel on the floor. This I refused to do, as my mother had ordered me not to kneel as I had heretofore done. Upon my refusal she whipped me with a leather strap. After she had hit me several times with the strap she stopped and again asked me if I would kneel. My answer was 'No, no!' Then she again began whipping me and struck me some 175 licks when Chas. McPherson, the first assistant teacher, appeared and told me I must obey Mrs. McGee. He ordered me to kneel and I told him I would not. Then he took hold of my left arm and leg and pushed me down. After remaining on the floor about 5 minutes I was told to go to my seat."

No evidence was introduced to show that the whipping was as severe as stated by Myrtle. Mrs. Ragsdale said she saw Myrtle after she returned home from school and that her wrist, arms and neck had the appearance of having been roughly treated.

Mrs. McGee testified in substance as follows: "I have had ten years experience as a teacher, and for the past two years have taught in the Chaffee school—having charge of the 5th and 6th grade pupils. During the time I have taught in Chaffee Myrtle has been a pupil in my room. On March 17 Myrtle began to tell on another pupil. Knowing her reputation I ordered her to hush. She replied that she would not. I ordered her to bring her books and come to my desk. When she came I studied what to do—what

punishment to inflict, as I had tried in every way to have her obey the rules of the school, but every effort had failed. Finally I said, 'Myrtle, kneel on the floor.' This she said she would not do, as her mother had ordered her not to. Then I took the leather strap and struck her three licks. Then I asked, 'Myrtle, will you now yield?' She replied in an impudent manner, 'I will not.' Then I struck her a few licks more and again asked the question, 'Will you now kneel?' 'No, no,' was her answer. I turned and again picked up the strap when Mr. McPherson entered the room. After talking to him he said to Myrtle, 'You must obey your teacher and kneel.' She again refused and Mr. McPherson caught her by the arm and foot and pushed her down. After she had remained kneeling about 5 minutes I told her to go to her seat. The punishment was inflicted because if the school is to be a success obedience must be had."

In their testimony some five or six of Myrtle's class-mates corroborated Mrs. McGee and declared that she was a kind and obliging teacher, while Myrtle was a disobedient and stubborn pupil.

It took the jury but a few minutes to return a verdict of not guilty.

At the annual school meeting J. D. Bowman was re-elected director. Among other things he stated to the meeting that for the past ten years the tax levy for teacher's wages and incidental purposes had never been less than 65 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation. Being a member of the legislature, Joseph should be more careful. The record shows to the contrary. True, since Joe has been on the board the tax has been 65 cents on the \$100, but not for the past ten years. The county superintendent's report of visits to clerks and directors, Feb. 25, 1909 shows that the tax levy for teachers' wages was 30 cents and for incidental, 10c. We then had six teachers, Messrs. Aulsebrook, Oliver and Nichols, and Miss E. Quarry, Mrs. Earl Miller and Miss Lora Forester. The directors were Hale, Matthews and Allen. These teachers reported more pupils enrolled—the average daily attendance larger than at the present term. But these teachers were employed to work and not dictate who should be directors and vote taxes upon the district. A celebrated jurist once said he had known people to do well—in fact, make money by attending strictly to their own business.

#### FROM CHAFFEE.

The Frisco railroad has been doing a rushing business the past few days on account of a wash-out on the I. C. The I. C. trains are running over the Frisco from Memphis to Rockview, then via Cotton Belt to the Thebes bridge. Isaac Ellers visited friends at Stumptown Sunday.

Chaffee was almost depopulated Saturday on account of the trial of the State vs. Chas. McPherson and Mrs. O. E. McGee, the teachers charged with administering too severe punishment on Myrtle Clay, a pupil. The verdict was in favor of the teachers.

At the election last week the people voted for bonding the city for \$8,000 to build a city hall and jail. We are now all bonded with school bonds, city bonds and court house bonds.

Chaffee is getting rid of some of her useless dogs on account of the hydrophobia scare. The mayor has ordered all dogs to be tied or muzzled, and all that are not, are being killed.

C. F. Spann, U. R. Elrod and J. W. Heeb went to Benton Monday to attend the meeting of the board of equalization. Mr. Spann remained there several days.

There hasn't been much farm work going on in this vicinity on account of heavy rains. Wheat, clover and grasses are looking fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Herron, former citizens of Kelso township, but now of near Bloomfield, were visitors here last week.

Carroll Batts and mother, Mrs. John Batts of Grand Rapids, Mich. are visiting her mother, Mrs. Jane Wylie.

E. F. Eggmann, who has had several attacks of acute rheumatism, is reported some better.

It is reported that we are soon to have a wide-awake W. C. T. U. Also a Y. M. C. A. building.

Mrs. Jane Wylie, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Albert Sander, Polly Bechel and John Glenzie were in Illmo Monday night.

Grandpa Heeb is recovering after a severe spell of sickness. James Blocker was at Oran Saturday to see the sights.

Mrs. John Hobbs has been sick for several days.

The Civic League is doing some good work now.

Miss Geraldine Massey is sick.

#### FROM RANDELS.

Leo Schaefer, Albert Halter, John Grosclose and Otto and Albert Bollinger attended the base ball game at Perkins Sunday.

Since the high water there are

#### FROM FORNEIT.

Jess Logel of Kelso will establish automobile service between Illmo, Forneit, Ansell and Cape Girardeau the latter part of this week and continue during the summer, making three round trips daily at the rate of \$1.25 for the round trip.

Owing to the flood all of the passenger trains of the Illinois Central and the Mobile & Ohio and the Florida specials are being run thru Forneit via Chaffee and Memphis, averaging a train per hour.

Louis Dohogne will erect a \$7,500 brick opera house on the corner lot next to the Wellputz bakery, to be occupied by Mr. D. E. Pence, the show man.

Ed. Schriefer bought the two residences and a livery stable from Wm. Uelsmann for \$1,100, and Louis Hillemann bought a lot from J. D. Sharp for \$180.

A railroad employe named Jim Perkins was arrested Sunday by Officer Wilson charged with passing counterfeit money.

W. W. Piekthorn and J. E. Kinkead were in St. Louis Saturday.

Harry Boss of St. Louis is here visiting his brother, John Boss.

Chas. Graham of Wyoming was here on a visit to his father.

J. L. Hill has a job at Chaffee breaking for the Frisco Ry.

John McLaughlin was here from Jonesboro, Ill., last week.

Louis Hillemann of Harvel, Mo. was here on a visit.

L. A. Robins and family were in St. Louis this week.

Otto Schoen was at Jackson on last Sunday.

#### FROM KELS.

Tuesday night friends surprised Alois Heisserer to remind him of his 27th birthday anniversary. Present were Joe Blattel and son Otto, Willie and Ed. Seyer, Bernard and Victor Scherer, Albert Enderlee, Mr. and Mrs. Albin Martin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leibie and children. Refreshments were served and all spent a pleasant evening.

Joe and Albert Enderlee, Albert and Paul Dumey, Ernest and Dennis Ross, Philip Uhrhan, Albert Heuring, Jacob Dumey, and the Misses Lulu Dumey and Hermina Enderlee spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Enderlee.

Mrs. John Enderlee and daughters, the Misses Julia and Celesta, visited the family of Joe Enderlee near Forneit Wednesday.

Charley Fullenwider and wife, Miss Mary Kaffenberger and Miss Clyta Ansell and little sister were at Commerce Sunday.

Miss Josephine Welter of Ansell spent Wednesday night with her cousin, Miss Louina Welter.

Phillip Strack and Albin Martin and their families were at Joseph Blattel's Sunday.

A. Heisserer and family and Wm. Leibie and family were at Commerce Friday.

Val Messner of St. Louis spent a few days here last week.

Wm. Leibie and family were at New Hamburg Sunday.

Earnest Ross was at New Hamburg Tuesday.

#### FROM PLEASANT HILL.

Phillip Strabler and family and Mrs. Katie Kelber and daughter Annie of Oran, visited the family of August Ledure Saturday.

Chas. Blattel and Willie Enderlee and their families visited Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pfefferkorn Saturday and Sunday.

Emil Ledure and family, Mrs. Lena Leist and Joe Ledure visited Mr. and Mrs. August Ledure Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pfefferkorn visited her mother, Mrs. Louisa Logel at Kelso, Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Ledure is home from a week's visit at the Cape. Miss Lizzie Ledure is sick.

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#### NOTICE, SOCIALISTS.

There will be a county meeting of the Socialist party held at Morley, Saturday, April 19. Every local should be represented, and all Socialists are urged to attend. Be sure to turn out and help make this a good meeting.

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